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DEFYing the odds



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Michael "Mikey" Gonzalez, camp honor graduate for phase one of the Drug Education for Youth Program races toward a chalk-board eraser during the "shuttle run" event, which was part of the President's Fitness Challenge, Wednesday, aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The DEFY program is designed to teach youth to avoid drugs and alcohol and the peer pressure associated with them. The eight-day camp, led mostly by active duty Marines and Sailors, includes drug education and team-building activities.

HQBN wins Intramural Softball

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Sports Editor

Headquarters Battalion demolished Patrol Squadron 9, 17-7, in the intramural softball championship game Tuesday night at Annex Field.

Led by coach James "Jim-Bo" Baughman, the HQBN team started off the afternoon game on defense and held VP-9 to one run before getting their chance at bat. Travis Eslinger singled as the led off for Headquarters in the bottom of the first and brought Dan Dyche to the plate. Dyche singled as well, and Joe Sutter advanced the runners with a pop fly to center field. With runners on second and third, Chuck Rogan grounded out, but it was enough to get Eslinger home to tie the game, 1-1, and the inning was closed on the following play with a leaping catch by the VP-9 center fielder, "Darrin."

The second inning was rough for both teams. In the top of the inning, VP-9 put a couple on but couldn't get any home, and in the bottom, Headquarters was shot down by a perfectly executed double play.

"I was pretty sure coming into this game that it was going to be close," said Baughman. "The first time we faced them it was a tough and extremely close game."

In the third, VP-9 was shut down once again and in the bottom of the inning, HQBN began to turn on the heat. After Tyler Morris singled, Eslinger's second hit of the day went to right field, and HQBN now had two runners on. Dyche smacked one past the third baseman and scored Morris on the RBI single. Eslinger and Dyche watched as Sutter came to the plate. After being spoon-fed the pitch, Sutter took it deep, bringing in Eslinger and Dyche on the three-run homer, now 5-1 Headquarters.

A fly out and a ground out ended the third inning, and VP-9 had their chance in the fourth to even the score. Fortunately for VP-9, their first at bat was a heavy one — Mark Harlow. Harlow was the only player so far to cross home plate for VP-9 and, in the top of the fourth inning, he let his aggression out on the ball, crushing a home run and crossing the plate once again for his team. A single and a double followed, putting VP-9 runners on second and third with the tying run at the plate. Unfortunately the VP-9 batter could only bring two home and couldn't quite tie the game before the inning was closed. In the bottom of the fourth, the score had settled at 5-4, HQBN.

With only six innings to play, the game was starting to

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Photo Courtesy of Michelle Newcomb

The Headquarters Battalion softball team poses with their trophies after Tuesday night's intramural softball championship game against Patrol Squadron 9. Several of the players pictured here will be continuing on to represent Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in the regional championships.

Commander's Cup Bowling League kicks off

Yibeli Galindo-Baird
MCCS Marketing

If it seems like all you do is strike out, then this cup's for you — Commander's Cup Bowling League, that is.

K-Bay Lanes is looking for bowlers who strive for strikes. The more, the better.

The league's weekly games begin Monday at 6 p.m. with the exception of Labor Day, Sept. 5; Columbus Day, Oct. 10; Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, Dec. 26; and Jan. 2, the first Monday of 2006, games will be played at the same time through Jan. 9.

Deborah Bruns, K-Bay Bowling Lane manager, is eager to see folks sign up.

"All who live or work on Marine Corps Base Hawaii and their family members, are welcome to join the league."

However, only those who are 18 years or older qualify to play. There are no skill-level requirements, so if gutter balls are more frequent in your game, you are still welcome to join.

When asked why anyone would want to participate, Bruns responded, "It's a fun time, and it's very competitive between units — earning them points toward the Intramural

Commander's Cup Award." she added that this league will foster camaraderie and will enable participants to get to know more of the base population.

Costs to join the league are nominal. Per week, each player pays \$8. There is a one-time sanction fee of \$16 for men and \$15 for women. Only other charges will be those necessary to enjoy the varied selection of food items at the K-Bay Lanes Snack Bar. Menu items range from all-American hot dogs, burgers and fries to local-style plate lunches.

Those looking to join but lacking equipment can also take advantage of the K-Bay Lanes Pro Shop, which features the latest in bags, balls, shoes and accessories for bowlers of all levels. Ball drilling is available from 5 to 9 p.m. on scheduled days.

Kristin Hagen, past league participant and player on a four-person base employee team, said it was a fun experience. "Whether you are a competitive bowler or a recreational bowler, this is a great league to be a part of."

She added that the handicap bowling system makes it enjoyable to play, since novice players can compete with more experienced bowlers on a more equal standing. "Plus it builds cama-

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Yibeli Galindo-Baird

Bowlers of all skill levels and ranks, who are affiliated with MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, are encouraged to join the Commander's Cup Bowling League that begins Monday. K-Bay Lanes hosts this and other league and tournament events, such as the Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament, shown above, on a regular basis, providing an environment fit for camaraderie, competition and plenty of excitement for players and spectators.

BASE SPORTS

Aug. 26 & 27

SM&SP Dodge Ball Tournament — The Single Marine & Sailor Program never drops the ball on having fun, and August looks like no exception. In addition to its exciting clubs and programs, the SM&SP will also be hosting a dodge ball tournament, Aug. 26 at Camp Smith and Aug. 27 at Kaneohe Bay. The Camp Smith tournament runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camp Smith Gym, and the Kaneohe Bay tournament will be held at the Semper Fit Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Put together a six-person team and start practicing now. Both tournaments cost \$20 per team and are open to all eligible SM&SP patrons and invited Staff NCOs.

The Single Marine & Sailor Program is a highly energized program with a singular mission: to address and enhance the quality of life for single Marines and Sailors in a measurable manner. This is accomplished through six core components: quality of life, recreation, health and wellness, community involvement, life skills and career progression

The SM&SP is open to all unaccompanied E-5 and below. The program office is located in Building 1629 and can be reached by calling 254-7593.

Ongoing

Summer Swim Lessons — Not that familiar with the water? Do you want to enjoy the pools and beautiful beaches that surround our base, but you just aren't comfortable with your swimming ability? Taking swim lessons from MCCS Aquatics can boost your confidence in the water and may even save your life.

Swim programs and classes are available for all ages and abilities, beginning with Water Babies, 6- to 36-month-olds, and Preschool, Primary Skills, Water Exploration, Stroke Readiness, Development and Refinement, and Skill Proficiency.

Classes are offered at the Kaneohe Bay Base Pool and the Manana Housing Base Pool. All classes consist of eight lessons per session, and sessions run through August. Check the schedule, available at both pools, to pick the lessons, times and dates that best fit your needs.

Prices for lessons vary, as they can

be taken in groups, privately or semi-privately. Family discounts are available. Stop by the Kaneohe Bay Base Pool, Building 981, or the Manana Housing Base Pool or call 254-7655 to register or for information. Register your children for swim lessons that will teach them to be confident in the water and keep them healthy with a productive summer program.



101 Days of Summer Continues — The 101 Days of Summer Campaign is a product of the Commandant's letter on Drug Reduction Initiative and Partnership that runs from May to September. It is designed to educate Marines and Sailors on the dangers and consequences of illicit drug usage, to promote responsible alcohol use and to offer healthy alternatives to both. Units vie for points in numerous events, from races to tournaments, and special events that include BayFest and last week's 48-Hour Hoopla, and Single Marine & Sailor Program's activities. Points can also be collected as a result of unit urinalysis testing, which composes the basis for how the 101 Days of Summer Campaign is measured.

These points are measured statistically at the end of the campaign, and the top placing units are awarded money for unit party funds.

Future 101 Days of Summer events include: Basketball Tournament (Aug. 3-7), SM&SP 24-Hour Hoopla alcohol-free event (Aug. 12-13), SM&SP Beach Festival (Aug. 13), Softball Tournament (Aug. 17-20), Health, Wellness and Fitness Fair (Aug. 25), SM&SP Paintball tournament (Aug. 27) and the 101 Days 5K Fun Run/Walk.

For more information on the 101 Days of Summer, call 254-7636.

Youth Sports Registering Now — MCCS Youth Activities is currently registering youths of all ages for an array of sports programs. Flag football, cheerleading and in-line hockey are all registering from now until Aug. 5. YA programs allow youths to use their time wisely, build their self-esteem through team play and have fun with sports.

Youth Activities leagues are open to dependents of all active duty, reservists, National Guard and Department of Defense civilian employees. The Flag Football and Cheerleading leagues are open to those born between 1990 and 2000 and include different league formats for the different age groups. The leagues run from Sep. 7 through Nov. 5. The Flag Football League costs \$50 for Youth Activities members, and \$60 for nonmembers. The Cheerleading League costs \$85 for YA members and \$95 for nonmembers.

The In-line Hockey League Opening Day Ceremony will take place at the new rink, adjacent to the Pop Warner Football Field, and marks the beginning of the season. The league is open to 16-year-olds and costs \$75 for YA members and \$85 for nonmembers.

If you are interested in becoming a coach, contact the YA Office anytime.

The cost to join Youth Activities is \$25. Membership is \$15 for each additional child, annually. Youth Activities memberships offer numerous benefits throughout the year, including free entry to different YA

events, access to YA programs, a Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America membership and an open invitation to our facilities such as the Youth & Teen Center. Youth Activities programs are made possible from the support of Windward Community Federal Credit Union. Sign your youngsters up now at Youth Activities, Building 5082, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., or call 254-7611. Camp Smith and Manana Housing Youth Activities programs are also available and can be reached at 456-1662.

Semper Fit Center Offers Personal Trainers — For those looking to get into a tailored exercise regiment, or for those just looking for some good advice on weight management and control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer, who will take body-fat measurements, blood pressure and heart-rate readings.

They will do all this and tailor a program based on your physical needs and ambitions. For only \$5 per workout, your trainer will actually train with you to ensure maximum efficiency.

Pick up a personal training

appointment card at the Semper Fit Center now, or call 254-7597.

Campground and Picnic Sites — For picnic and camping sites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers some of the most scenic beaches on the island. Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase, are available by reservation for picnics and parties from dawn to dusk. Hale Koa Beach may also be reserved for overnight camping.

Reservations are required. To reserve a camp site, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe, or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.

Fishing Charters Available at MCB Hawaii — Spend the day aboard one of Bill Collector's fishing charter boats.

For more information, stop by the Base Marina located in Building 1698, across from Hangar 101, or call 254-7666/7667.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment Mondays through Thursdays at the K-Bay Lanes where all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 per game.

Call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Semper Fit Group Exercise August 2005

Monday

8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step 2 It
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3/\$1 active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Class Coming Soon
6:45 – 7:45 p.m. — Pilates

Tuesday

6 – 7 a.m. — Cycling (\$3/Free to active duty)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. — Class Coming Soon
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. — Yoga
6 – 7 p.m. — Class Coming Soon

Wednesday

8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step Challenge
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3/\$1 active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Class Coming Soon
6:45 – 7:45 p.m. — Pilates

Thursday

6 – 7 a.m. — Cycling (\$3/Free to active duty)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. — Class Coming Soon
6 – 7 p.m. — Step 2 It

Friday

6 – 7 a.m. — Class Coming Soon
8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step 2 It
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3/Free to active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Pilates

Saturday

10 – 11 a.m. — Water Aerobics

Note: A book of 10 single-class coupons for \$2 each can be purchased for \$15 at the Semper Fit Center.

Semper Fit also offers Aikido instruction Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and Fridays at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Sunday Polo at Waimanalo

Gates open at 1 p.m., Sunday, with games kicking off at 2:30 p.m. for the Officer's Cup match of the Honolulu Polo Club's 2005 season at the polo fields across from Bellow Air Force Station. Cost is \$3, children 12 and younger are free. Event-goers with a military ID enter for free, as honored guests. The ponies will be available for children to visit after the matches. For more information about the Honolulu Polo Club or upcoming matches, visit www.honolulupolo.com.

HTMC Hikes Sunday

Sunday, join the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club on a 12-mile, advanced ridge hike in Pacific Palisades.

Manana, mañana? No, Manana today. But if hikers don't keep up a good pace on this long ridge hike, they will come out tomorrow. Contact coordinator Mike Fujita at 550-2535 or mikefujita@yahoo.com

Hikers should meet at Iolani Palace at 8 a.m. for the hike. A \$2 donation is requested for each nonmember age 18 or older. A responsible adult must accompany children under 18. Bring lunch and water on all hikes and wear sturdy shoes and clothing. Firearms, pets, and radios or other audio devices are prohibited on hikes.

Check out the HTMC Web site at www.geo.cities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660 for more information.

State Offers Outdoor Education

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources is offering education classes to the public. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety; survival and first aid; wildlife identification; and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility.

Attendance at two sessions is required for certification. Classes are open to anyone 10 and older — not just hunters who enjoy the outdoors.

The next two-day session is Aug. 12 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and Aug. 13 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Classroom A-212A at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 North Nimitz Hwy. Drive up the ramp to the classroom, which is the first room on the right. A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions. For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200 or visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/welcome.html.

USO Hawaii 10K/5K Base Race

The seventh annual Outrigger-Ohana/USO Hawaii 10K/5K Base Race series will be run on Aug. 14 at Wheeler Army Air Field.

Individual and team awards will be presented, and team members will be eligible for individual awards. Team competition (five to 10 runners) will be limited to the 10-kilometer run in one of six categories: military, police and fire, corporate, male, female or mixed. The five best times will determine team rank, and mixed teams must have at least one male and one female finish in the top five or be disqualified.

The race will begin near Hangar 101 at Wheeler AAF at 7 a.m., Aug. 14. This race has been designated as part of the Mid-Pacific Roadrunners Club "Championship Series."

The registration fee for individuals and team members is \$20 per runner and \$10 for children younger than 14. Military members running in formation must pay \$15 per person. Formations must consist of 20 or more members of the same organization.

To sign up for this race, mail in the entry form that can be found at the Semper Fit Center or any USO Hawaii or Outrigger-Ohana Hotel. Entry forms received after Aug. 1 will be considered late and are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Race packets can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 13 at the Semper Fit Center. Race packet will consist of your race number, T-shirt, safety pins and a course map. Packets not picked up will be available at the race site sign-in location after 6 a.m.

A revolving commander's trophy will be presented to the military team with the best time. For more information, contact the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

Kualoa Ranch to Host Sprint Adventure Race

The Aug. 20 sprint Adventure Race will consist of hiking and trekking, orienteering and navigation, kayaking, ropes, mountain biking, an environmental sensitivity project and a mystery team builder. It will be completely self-supported in a team format and will last approximately 4 to 6 hours. Come check out the spectacular views of Oahu's Windward side.

Registration fees are \$85 per person. Teams can consist of 2 or 3 people. There will be a 10 percent military discount. Sign up online or visit www.adventureracehawaii.com to download the entry form. Entry form and payment can be mailed to Adventure Race Hawaii, 330 Cooke St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

A free "Intro to Adventure Racing" clinic will be being offered, Aug. 11, for those interested. Go to the Boca Shop in Honolulu, or visit www.adventureracehawaii.com for more details.



Try Fitness Presents Off-Road Run

Try Fitness is proud to present the 1st Annual Off-Road 8K Challenge, Aug. 21. Come join in the fun for an off-road adventure. The route is a little more than 5 miles, and will take you off road into the hills and valleys of beautiful Kualoa Ranch. Everyone age 14 and older are welcome.

Entry Fee is \$25 if postmarked by Aug. 6, \$35 if postmarked after Aug. 6. Packet pickup is on the following dates and locations:

•Aug. 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Island Triathlon and Bike, 569 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu.

•Aug. 18 from 3 to 7p.m. at Runner's Hawaii in Aiea, 93-390 Kamehameha Hwy.

Awards in the Off-Road 8K Challenge will be given to the top three male and female finishers overall and the top three finishers in each age group starting at age 14. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female active duty military finishers.

For more information, call Try Fitness at 946-0346.

Marathon Training for Women

Try Fitness hosts a 14-week training to help female athletes get ready for the Honolulu Marathon in December.

Session dates are Aug. 28 through Dec. 11. Training is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. and Sundays from 7 to 9 a.m. Orientation is at the Ward Entertainment Starbucks on Aug. 27 at 8 a.m. Cost: \$390 plus tax. Contact Try Fitness now at 946-0346 or send an e-mail to tryfitness@hawaii.rr.com.

Bellows Offers Adventure Programs

Whether you are spending a few weeks or just visiting for the day, check out any of the following weekly Bellows Outdoor Adventures programs. Call the Turtle Cove office at 259-4112 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or visit www.bellowsafs.com.

•*Saturdays at 8 a.m., Morning Paddle:* Take the guided kayak tour to the Mokulua Islands, which offers the opportunity to see birds up close in their natural habitat. Cost is \$14. Advanced skill level is required.

•*Saturdays at 1 p.m., History Tours by Van:* Learn about and see significant historical landmarks on Bellows Air Force Station.

•*Sundays at 8:30 a.m., History Tours by Bike:* Ride mountain bikes for an extensive seven-mile, three-hour, guided tour of Bellows AFS. Wear closed-toe shoes. Cost is \$15 for bike and helmet rental.

•*Mondays at 8:30 a.m., Hike to Makapuu:* Take a moderate 2 1/2-mile round-trip hike to the Makapuu Lighthouse. Hikers will be rewarded with awesome views of Koko Crater, Diamond Head and Waimanalo Bay. Wear closed-toe shoes. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

•*Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m., Snorkeling Tour:* Discover the magnificent underwater world of the ocean at a nearby undisturbed reef. Transportation, instruction and snorkeling equipment are included. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and younger.

•*Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m., Kayaking Lessons:* Master ocean-kayaking skills, including water safety and efficient paddling techniques in this two-hour class. The class is free with a day kayak rental.

•*Thursdays at 9 a.m., Beach 101:* See fascinating natural phenomena as you wade across seaweed-covered reef flats and rock tide pools.

This is an educational experience for the whole family. Be sure to wear comfortable footwear, a hat, swimsuit, sunscreen, and bring water. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

•*Thursdays at 8 a.m., Free Aloha Breakfast in the Recreation Center Lanai:* Find out about all the exciting programs and specials happening at Bellows. Enjoy a free continental breakfast and sign up to win door prizes.

•*Thursdays and Fridays at 2 p.m., Lei Making:* Pick your own flowers to use in making a beautiful lei. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

•*Fridays at 1 p.m., Bodyboarding Lessons:* Learn how to catch and ride the waves. Free day rental of boogie board is included in the \$5 fee.

Miniature Golf: One of the miniature golf courses on the island is the Bellows Mini-Golf Course. It is lighted and open for night play.

Cost is \$4 adults and children 12 and younger. For more information, log on to www.bellowsafs.com.

Driving Range: Next to our mini-golf course is a driving range. Clubs and buckets of golf balls are available for rent.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Briefs

To post sports and recreational activities of interest to the DoD community in the *Hawaii Marine*, e-mail requests to editor@hawaii.marine.com or call 257-8835.



The Bottom Line

(Editor’s Note: “The Bottom Line” is the **Hawaii Marine’s** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America’s one true obsession — sports. Chances are you’ll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send “Readers Strike Back” comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, “If you don’t speak up, you won’t be heard.”)

What is the greatest sports movie?

Sgt. Joe Lindsay

The Goat

Sports Editor’s Note: This is part two is a four-part series entitled, “The Goat: Blast from the Past,” and originally appeared in the May 21, 2004 issue of the **Hawaii Marine**. The Goat’s request that this installment be called, “The Goat has left the pen,” was denied — vehemently.

(Goat Note: Even a year later, it still haunts The Goat that “Happy Gilmore” didn’t crack the The Bottom Line’s five greatest sports movies of all time. Just to be sure, The Goat watched it again recently, and after this 100th viewing, reached the following conclusion: “You’ve gotta rise above it. You’ve got to harness in the good energy, block out the bad. Harness ... energy... block ... bad. Feel the flow, feel it. It’s circular. It’s like a carousel — you pay the quarter, you get on the horse. It goes up and down and around. Circular ... circle. With the music, the flow. All good things.” Sometimes, being in sixth place is all a goat has to hold on to.)

Thank Buddha that Richard Roeper got the job and that after Gene Siskel’s death, there was a relatively smooth transition into television’s most-watched movie critic show. Otherwise, we might have had to listen to Ebert & (sic) Cheese argue the merits of “Chariots of Fire” or “The Bad News Bears Go to Japan” on their greatest sports movies of all time, three-hour Sunday night special.

Let The Goat save you that torture by breaking down “The Bottom Line’s” five greatest sports movies of all time.

- 1) “The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh” (1979): The sports equivalent of a cult classic, this story of a losing basketball team that turns to astrology to turn things around, makes you want to name your firstborn son Moses Guthrie. If you have to ask, you wouldn’t understand. Dr. J deserved an Oscar.
- 2) “North Dallas Forty” (1979): This classic starring Nick Nolte is without question the greatest movie about football ever made. Though props have to go out to “The Longest Yard” (1974), nothing really compares to this realistic look at life both on and off the grid-iron.
- 3) “Raging Bull” (1980): This Martin Scorsese-directed film starring Robert De Niro as Jake LaMotta is the definitive sports movie, not just about boxing, but about the life of an athlete. The violence and human suffering in “Raging Bull” is brutal, and rings of truth, not Hollywood.
- 4) “Rocky” (1976): This is the ultimate underdog movie, and one of the most influential sports movies of all time. Rocky is forever etched in the American conscious. Sylvester Stallone’s greatest role cannot be diminished by the subsequent sequels that took us painfully all the way to “Rocky V.”

5) “Rebound” The Legend of Earl “The Goat”

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Kristin Herrick

The Cheese

- Since most of The Goat’s favorite sports movies were made before I even entered this world, I’ll indulge readers with a more post-’80s-friendly picks. To be honest, I’ve never even heard of most of the movies on The Goat’s list.
- Without further ado, here’s the count-down:
- 5) “White Men Can’t Jump” (1992): This movie has it all: gambling, basketball and Alex Trebek. “White Men Can’t Jump” didn’t just teach me the finer points of hustling, it taught me the true meaning of friendship and that filling your head with useless trivia may actually pay off one day.
- 4) “Rocky IV” (1985): Though I was just a toddler when Rocky IV hit the theaters, I do remember watching it with my dad, at some point in my childhood. I don’t know if it was Rocky’s determination to avenge Apollo Creed or the fact that I was hanging out with my daddy that made this movie memorable, but something about it stuck with me. Rocky’s training scenes in the Russian tundra were raw and set a “rising from despair” tone. While impressive, Rocky’s run through five feet of snow was comparable to my walk to the school bus after a Wisconsin blizzard.
- 3) “Rudy” (1993): This is one of the most inspirational sports movies ever made. Rudy Ruettigar overcomes obstacle after obstacle

- to play Notre Dame football. After all was said and done, I thought maybe with hard work and dedication, I too could play for the “Fighting Irish.”
- 2) “Million Dollar Baby” (2005): This tear-jerker uses the classic concept that “hard work pays off,” but has an unexpected ending. Clint Eastwood directs and co-stars in the film — enough said.
- 1) “Step Into Liquid” (2003): Living in Hawaii, locals may take for granted that Triple Crown of Surfing events take place right in Oahu’s backyard. “Step Into Liquid” is the next best thing to watching the pros live. The movie takes watchers on a world tour of wave hunters. From Sheboygan, Wisc., to Da Nang, Vietnam, “Step Into Liquid” profiles surfers — pros and commoners alike — as well as epic surf spots. The documentary gets into the heart of surfing and surf culture of the past, present and future.
- Bottom Line:** Most sports movies have a similar storyline — overcoming obstacles to get to the dream. “Step Into Liquid” has elements of that concept, but, being a documentary, it does it in such a real manner that you hardly notice it. Whether it’s finding ways to conquer giant waves or getting back on a board after a paralyzing surfing accident, the movie shows the healing and bonding power of surfing, and sports in general.

“ quotable ”

“You find out life’s this game of inches, so is football. Because in either game — life or football — the margin for error is so small.”

— Tony D’Amato (Al Pacino) in “Any Given Sunday”

PACOM G-6 defeats JIATF West, 13–10, in intramural softball

Pfc. J. Ethan Hoaldridge
Combat Correspondent

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Big bats in the fourth inning led to a U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, G-6, win over Joint Interagency Task Force West, 13-10 in an intramural softball game at Bordelon Field, Camp Smith, July 14.

JIATF West took the lead, 3-1, in the first and held it throughout an uneventful second inning.

With two outs in the third, Matthew Spencer, G-6 pitcher/outfielder, drove in two runs, making the score 5-3.

JIATF West added only one run, as Thomas Serrano blasted a home run over the left-field fence. It was nearly caught by Peter J. Hebert, G-6 outfielder, as he leapt over the fence in a valiant effort to make the play for the third out.

The tide was about to change for JIATF West, after a pop fly ended the third inning.

Jack Ivy, JIATF West pitcher, walked two batters and gave up a hit, to load the bases.

Two consecutive hits from William S. Febuary and Gregory S. Ashton ignited the fuse as G-6's bats caught fire, driving in 8 runs in the fourth.

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Pfc. J. Ethan Hoaldridge

Andrew Buck, Joint Interagency Task Force West outfielder, reared back for a pitch in the bottom of the fifth, during an intramural softball game held at Bordelon Field, Camp Smith. JIATF West scored five runs before the inning came to a close, which brought them within two runs of the lead.

All-officer team wins relay-running challenge

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

Four five-man running teams gathered Friday in front of the IPAC building, to take on the Headquarters Battalion, Commanding Officer's Challenge.

Lt. Col. James Connelly, commanding officer, HQBN. Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, challenged Marines months prior to the event to put together three teams of five Marines from HQBN to run a relay race against an all-officers team during the battalion picnic, Friday.

"As soon as the CO challenged the Marines, I knew I had to get a team together," said Cpl. John W. Mcjunkin, pay section noncommissioned officer, HQBN. "It motivates me to know I'm going to be going against the CO in an event," he said before the relay.

The four teams that entered were an all-officers team, staff noncommissioned officers team, noncommissioned officers team and a lance corporal and below team.

Each team member had to complete a 2.3-mile course, then tag off to the next runner who then ran the course. The team that had all members through the course first won.

With an accumulated time of 64.36 minutes, the all-officers' team dominated to beat out the enlisted Marines from HQBN. The NCOs were right behind the officers, with the lance corporals and below team nipping at their heels. Crossing the finish line last were the Staff NCOs.

An award was also given to the runner who ran the 2.3-mile course with the fastest time. Lance Cpl. Christopher A. McLarty, radio technician, HQBN, had the fastest time, finishing in just 12:00.9 minutes.

"We were doing really well, and I thought we were going to win in the first relays of the

race," said McLarty. "It's ok though, even though we didn't win, it was still fun. I guess this means we'll just have to work harder at the next event that's thrown at us."

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GOAT, From C-3

Manigault” (1996): Operational Security issues forbid The Goat from discussing this film. Do not rent this film.

Bottom Line: Before the clones get up in arms about The Goat not including “Brian’s Song” on “The Bottom Line’s” Greatest Sports Movies of All Time list, please just relax and watch “Steel Magnolias” two to three times in a row this weekend, and you’ll understand why. As for The Goat, he’ll be sitting in his home movie theater (garage with a TV) watching “Caddyshack” and wondering why a gopher was cast in the greatest animal role of all time.


BOWLING, From C-1


raderie and friendship whether you are active duty, are a spouse, or you work on base.” After all is said and done, a banquet will honor all the Commander’s Cup Bowling League teams and individual participants on Jan. 16, at a location to be announced. In past leagues, first-, second- and third-place teams were recognized as well as men’s and women’s teams. Individual high scores were also award recipients. There has even been a broken leg trophy and a prize awarded to the player with the lowest score. This year’s winning categories will be announced at the start of the league. Interested participants should contact Bruns at 254-7693 as soon as possible to get the ball rolling ... literally.

PACOM, From C-4

A controversial call by the umpire ruined G-6’s momentum after he mistakenly made a batter, Matthew Spencer, change cleats, thinking they were metal spikes. After Spencer returned with new cleats, he hit a long foul ball for his third strike and ended the top of the fourth with G-6 ahead, 11-5. In the top of the fifth, Donnie Warren’s stellar defense as he switched from shortstop to pitcher for JIATF West made the difference, recording the first two outs from the mound, and Febuary ended G-6’s at bat with a ground out to set up what seemed to be JIATF West’s last chance to bring their team back within striking distance. Andrew Buck, JIATF West outfielder, started the bottom of the fifth off with a double, putting him in scoring position. G-6’s sloppy defense allowed a slue of singles to slip through the infield scoring runs, and allowing JIATF West to start closing in on the lead. G-6 finally regained their composure and ended the inning with a lead of only one run, 11-10. In the final inning, Hebert, G-6 outfielder, drove in two more runs, but was left stranded on the bases, leaving the score at 13-10. Warren led off JIATF West’s final at bat and slammed a line drive through a gap in the infield. After a pop-up and two routine ground balls, the umpire growled, “Ball game!” The score was left at G-6, 13; JIATF West, 10. The loss leaves JIATF West with a loosing record of 3-4. The regular season for the Camp Smith intramural softball league ended July 21, and the post-season was be held at Bordelon field Tuesday through Thursday.

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Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

James “Jim-Bo” Boughman gets ready to slug the ball during Tuesday night’s intramural softball championship game between Headquarters Battalion and Patrol Squadron 9.

SOFTBALL, From C-1

wind down and Headquarters decided it was time they’d step to the plate to make something happen. A lead-off double set up Baughman for an RBI double and the following batter, Morris, hit another RBI on a single, quickly making the score 7–4 — no outs.

Dan Newcomb followed suit in the bottom of the fourth with a pop fly over the head of the second baseman to load two runners on the bases once again for Eslinger’s third appearance at the plate. This time he wouldn’t be there long — and neither would the ball — as Eslinger and the following batter, Dyche, sent a couple over the fence, bringing the lead to seven with the score 11–4, HQBN. The first out of the inning came when Sutter’s deep foul ball to right field was caught by VP-9, but Headquarters wasn’t finished yet. Before the inning was over Joe Balcom had tacked on one RBI, Jim-Bo added on two RBIs, and a three-run shot by Sutter put the score at 17–4 before the close of the fourth inning.

Though the game was scheduled for six innings, a standing intramural softball rule dictates that the game will be called if one team takes an excessive lead past a certain number of innings. In that case, the game will be called if at the end of three innings, a team leads by more than 15, or if at the end of five innings, a team leads by more than 10 points.

At the top of the fifth inning, VP-9 needed at least four runs to get a shot at a sixth inning. After Harlow was struck out, VP-9 put together all they had with an RBI triple and a two-shot home run, but Headquarters was able to end the inning quickly afterwards, and VP-9 was one run short of earning a sixth inning. The final score was 17–7 for Headquarters Battalion.

“I also thought this game would be a close one,” said Balcom, “but our big fellas, and even some of our smaller fellas, stepped up and got the job done for us late in that fourth inning. When we were on that run, it was like they used them all up before I got up there, cause I didn’t get to knock any out of the park.”

Now 2005 Intramural Soccer and Intramural Softball Champions, Headquarters Battalion will also be sending quite a few players from this team to represent MCB Hawaii in the Regional Championships in California, soon. See next week’s Hawaii Marine for more detailed coverage on those selected to represent the base.

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